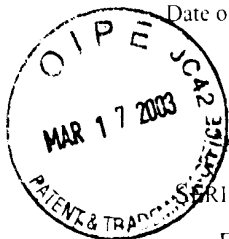


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Amendment and Response (8 pp), Appendices A-C (4 pp), Exhibits 1-2 (14 pp);
Petition for Three Month Extension of Time (1 pg, in duplicate);
Check No. 15811 in the amount of \$465.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3);
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Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/494,585. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-534A (Cura-34A).

Respectfully submitted,

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